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TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION | MARCH 1991 | AUSTIN, TX 78778

1990 CENSUS POPULATION DATA RELEASED

NOTE: The Texas State Data Center has released the first population estimates by county and city from the 1990 Census. Although these are the official counts, they are still subject to possible corrections for undercount or overcount. The U. S. Department of Commerce will publish corrected counts, if any, no later than July 15, 1991. If the estimates currently available are needed, please contact the State Data Center, Texas Department of Commerce, at (512) 320-9667 or write them at P. O. Box 12728, Austin, TX 78711.

Texas Unemployment Rate Drops

The Statewide actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate dropped by over half a percentage point between January and February 1991, falling from 6.9 percent to 6.2 percent. There were an estimated 523,000 jobless Texans in February, down by about 60,000 from the January level. Current unemployment levels were well below those of a year ago, when the rate was 7.0 percent. Total employment in the actual series increased by over 133,000 between February 1990 and February 1991.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also declined over the month, from 6.4 percent in January to 5.5 percent in February. The year-ago seasonally adjusted rate for the State was 6.3 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate rose moderately, from 6.2 percent in January to 6.5 percent in February, but was significantly above the year-ago level of 5.3 percent. The actual rate for the Nation was also up, from 7.0 percent in January to 7.2 percent—also well above the February 1990 rate of 5.8 percent. These rising rates for the Nation indicate the continuation of an economic slowdown.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 13,800 between January and February 1991.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)

	Feb.'91	Jan. '91	Feb.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,070.0	123,585.0	123,442.0
Unemployment	8,919.0	8,595.0	7,134.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.0%	5.8%
Total Employment	115,151.0	114,990.0	116,308.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,076.0	124,637.0	124,653.0
Unemployment	8,158.0	7,715.0	6,579.0
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.2%	5.3%
Total Employment	116,918.0	116,922.0	118,074.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,444.5	8,421.8	8,375.4
Unemployment	523.0	582.9	587.5
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.9%	7.0%
Total Employment	7,921.5	7,838.9	7,787.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,541.0	8,511.0	8,475.0
Unemployment	470.0	547.0	537.0
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	6.4%	6.3%
Total Employment	8,071.0	7,964.0	7,938.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb.'91*	Jan.91**	Feb.'90**	Feb.'91*	Jan.91**	Feb.'90**	Feb.'91*	Jan.91**	Feb.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,300	50,400	51,100	94,900	94,500	94,600	437,700	435,500	428,500
Total Unemployment	2,600	3,200	3,300	4,500	5,300	5,600	18,600	20,900	20,600
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	6.3%	6.5%	4.7%	5.6%	5.9%	4.2%	4.8%	4.8%
Total Employment ++	47,700	47,200	47,800	90,400	89,200	89,000	419,100	414,600	407,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	167,700	166,900	161,600	87,700	86,400	86,100	106,600	106,600	105,200
Total Unemployment	10,600	12,300	13,300	4,500	5,100	5,400	13,200	15,000	14,200
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.4%	8.2%	5.1%	5.9%	6.3%	12.4%	14.1%	13.5%
Total Employment ++	157,100	154,600	148,300	83,200	81,300	80,700	93,400	91,600	91,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,400	59,800	62,200	165,700	165,200	159,100	1,434.2	1,430.1	1,425.2
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,500	2,500	11,700	13,200	11,800	75.7	82.7	76.9
Percent Unemployed	3.5%	4.2%	4.0%	7.1%	8.0%	7.4%	5.3%	5.8%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	60,200	57,300	59,700	154,000	152,000	147,300	1,358.5	1,347.4	1,348.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	251,900	252,200	252,400	733,600	731,400	731,700	107,400	107,300	107,600
Total Unemployment	26,300	30,200	30,700	43,400	43,300	43,500	7,300	8,500	8,400
Percent Unemployed	10.4%	12.0%	12.2%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	6.8%	7.9%	7.8%
Total Employment ++	225,600	222,000	221,700	690,200	688,100	688,200	100,100	98,800	99,200
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,729.8	1,724.3	1,682.3	95,000	94,900	96,500	53,600	54,200	54,000
Total Unemployment	85.5	96.5	93.0	6,600	7,400	7,400	6,000	7,000	7,600
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	5.6%	5.5%	6.9%	7.8%	7.7%	11.2%	12.9%	14.1%
Total Employment ++	1,644.3	1,627.8	1,589.3	88,400	87,500	89,100	47,600	47,200	46,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,400	78,300	79,000	115,000	113,900	113,200	164,100	168,900	178,900
Total Unemployment	6,100	6,800	5,900	5,300	6,000	5,400	32,100	37,600	47,500
Percent Unemployed	7.8%	8.7%	7.5%	4.6%	5.3%	4.8%	19.6%	22.3%	26.6%
Total Employment ++	72,300	71,500	73,100	109,700	107,900	107,800	132,000	131,300	131,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,800	47,300	47,600	51,500	51,200	51,500	43,300	43,100	43,800
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,500	3,100	2,700	3,000	3,800	2,000	2,400	2,600
Percent Unemployed	4.8%	5.3%	6.5%	5.2%	5.9%	7.4%	4.6%	5.6%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	45,500	44,800	44,500	48,800	48,200	47,700	41,300	40,700	41,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	599,800	598,400	605,900	47,200	47,200	47,000	56,500	56,700	57,800
Total Unemployment	38,500	43,800	43,600	2,900	3,100	2,800	3,800	4,200	3,800
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	7.3%	7.2%	6.1%	6.6%	6.0%	6.7%	7.4%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	561,300	554,600	562,300	44,300	44,100	44,200	52,700	52,500	54,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,900	73,900	73,700	36,300	36,000	35,200	92,700	92,000	91,300
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,300	4,800	1,800	2,000	2,100	5,500	5,700	5,300
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	7.2%	6.5%	5.0%	5.6%	6.0%	5.9%	6.2%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	69,200	68,600	68,900	34,500	34,000	33,100	87,200	86,300	86,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,100	55,000	55,200				8,444.5	8,421.8	8,375.4
Total Unemployment	3,600	4,100	3,400				523.0	582.9	587.5
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.5%	6.2%				6.2%	6.9%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	51,500	50,900	51,800				7,921.5	7,838.9	7,787.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment totaled 7,072,700 in February, up by 133,800 jobs from one year ago.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 21,000 over the month. At 6,096,500, this sector was up 141,200 from February '90. The largest increase was seen in **Government** which advanced 14,300 from January, and 37,800 from a year ago. The staff in educational institutions returned to work for the spring school term, which caused both State and Local Government to increase. Federal Government dropped by 1,500 from a month ago. Army and Air Force exchanges decreased statewide, as fewer personnel on bases, due to Operation Desert Storm, resulted in less business for those services.

The second largest increase in Nonmanufacturing occurred in **Services**, which went up by 8,000 jobs over the month. At 1,724,300, this increased 50,600 from February '90. Within Services, the most significant advance was seen in Other Services and Miscellaneous, up by 3,300 from January '91. Civic, Social, and Fraternal Associations such as YMCA's, reflected most of this increase as they prepared for spring activities. Health Services advanced 2,700 over the month. Nursing and Personal Care Facilities and Hospitals generated most of this increase as complete health care facilities are continually growing. Personal Services increased by 1,500, due to seasonal hiring in Tax Preparation Services. Engineering and Management Services increased by 1,300 due to seasonally-oriented gains in Accounting, Auditing, and Bookkeeping. The only decrease in Services appeared in Business and Repair Services, down by 2,300 over the month, due in part to seasonal contracts being completed.

Construction picked up 4,800 new jobs, pushing its current level up by 16,900 from a year ago, as favorable February weather enabled a recovery of some of January's construction losses.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate advanced by 1,700 jobs from January '91. Although upward movement occurred within all groups of F.I.R.E., employment levels remained 1,900 below last year's level, with Depository Institutions being especially recessive.

Wholesale and Retail Trade recorded normal seasonal losses, down by 6,900 over the month, as jobs created for Christmas and inventory-taking were deleted. Two gains that occurred in Trade were in Eating and Drinking Places, up by 4,100, and in Food

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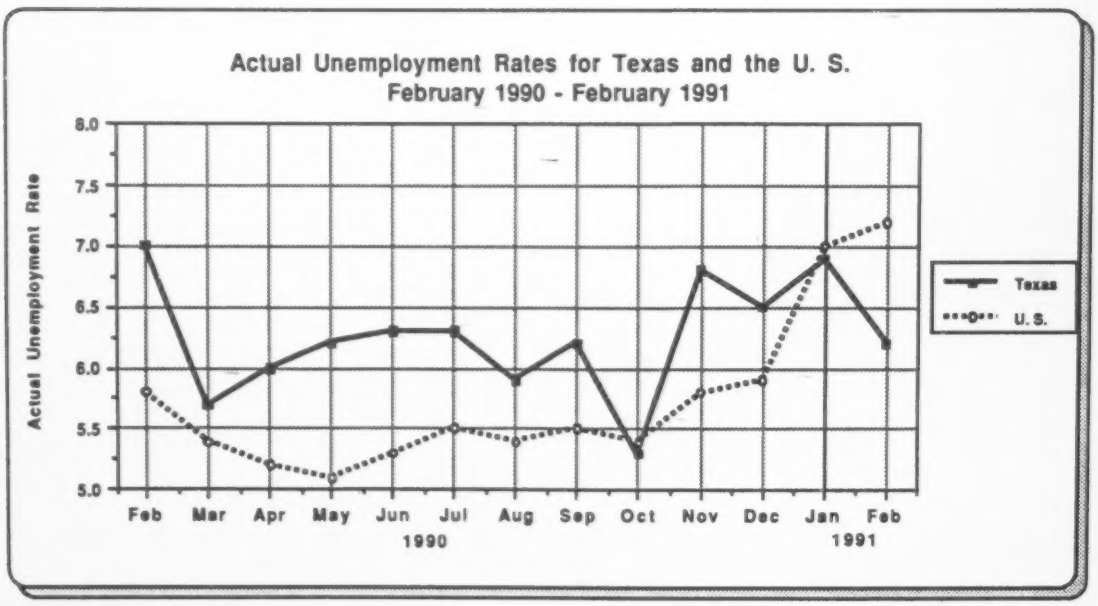

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Feb. '91*	Jan. '91**	Feb. '90**	Chg. from Jan. '91	Chg. from Feb. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,072,700**	**7,058,900**	**6,938,900**	**13,800**	**133,800**
MANUFACTURING	**976,200**	**983,400**	**983,600**	**-7,200**	**-7,400**
Durable Goods	**552,800**	**560,500**	**566,200**	**-7,700**	**-13,400**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,300	31,100	31,300	-800	-1,000
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,300	7,200	-300	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	14,900	15,400	16,400	-500	-1,500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,500	33,800	36,000	-300	-2,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,200	14,300	15,700	-100	-1,500
Primary Metal Industries	30,200	30,000	29,100	200	1,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,400	81,800	79,700	-400	1,700
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,500	39,900	39,100	-400	400
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	116,300	116,200	112,500	100	3,800
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	28,100	27,700	24,800	400	3,300
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	101,900	102,100	106,300	-200	-4,400
Transportation Equipment	89,400	95,500	99,700	-6,200	-10,300
Aircraft & Parts	64,400	68,500	72,500	-4,100	-8,100
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,500	39,000	39,500	500	0
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,400	15,500	15,700	-100	-300
Nondurable Goods	**423,400**	**422,900**	**417,400**	**500**	**6,000**
Food & Kindred Products	101,000	100,900	97,400	100	3,600
Meat Products	31,400	31,200	30,100	200	1,300
Dairy Products	4,300	4,200	4,300	100	0
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	10,000	-100	-400
Malt Beverages	2,900	3,000	2,800	-100	100
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,500	54,400	57,400	100	-2,900
Paper & Allied Products	24,400	24,400	24,300	0	100
Printing & Publishing	74,300	74,400	74,200	-100	100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,700	35,700	36,300	0	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	86,200	85,900	82,000	300	4,200
Petroleum & Coal Products	29,900	29,700	28,600	200	1,300
Petroleum Refining	26,700	26,500	25,500	200	1,200
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	41,800	41,900	41,900	-100	-100
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,000	7,500	0	-500
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,096,500**	**6,075,500**	**5,955,300**	**21,000**	**141,200**
Mining	**182,200**	**182,400**	**175,300**	**-200**	**6,900**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,300	9,300	9,600	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,900	173,100	165,700	-200	7,200
Construction	**335,100**	**330,300**	**318,200**	**4,800**	**16,900**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**426,000**	**426,700**	**413,400**	**-700**	**12,600**
Railroad Transportation	18,200	18,200	19,000	0	-800
Other Transportation	241,200	241,300	229,300	-100	11,900
Transportation by Air	78,400	78,000	71,800	400	6,600
Communications	88,000	88,100	87,600	-100	400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	79,100	77,500	-500	1,100
Electric Services	40,400	40,700	40,400	-300	0
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,000	26,900	-100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,694,300**	**1,701,200**	**1,676,000**	**-6,900**	**18,300**
Wholesale Trade	421,300	421,800	420,400	-500	900
Retail Trade	1,273,000	1,279,400	1,255,600	-6,400	17,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	38,000	38,500	38,800	-500	-800
General Merchandise Stores	175,100	180,700	173,900	-5,600	1,200
Food Stores	235,800	234,900	231,400	900	4,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,000	136,500	136,100	-500	-100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,800	78,600	79,400	-1,800	-2,600
Eating & Drinking Places	428,600	424,500	412,300	4,100	16,300
Other Retail Trade	182,700	185,700	183,700	-3,000	-1,000
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**427,600**	**425,900**	**429,500**	**1,700**	**-1,900**
Depository Insts., Incl. Banks	126,400	126,100	129,900	300	-3,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,400	143,900	141,900	500	2,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	156,800	155,900	157,700	900	-900
Services	**1,724,300**	**1,716,300**	**1,673,700**	**8,000**	**50,600**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,200	85,000	84,600	200	600
Personal Services	81,800	80,300	78,700	1,500	3,100
Business & Repair Services	445,900	448,200	432,900	-2,300	13,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	75,900	75,400	75,100	500	800
Health Services	486,000	483,300	460,900	2,700	25,100
Educational Services	84,000	83,200	87,200	800	-3,200
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	153,700	152,400	150,000	1,300	3,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	311,800	308,500	304,300	3,300	7,500
Total Government	**1,307,000**	**1,292,700**	**1,269,200**	**14,300**	**37,800**
Federal Government	197,900	199,400	200,000	-1,500	-2,100
State Government	286,900	280,400	273,400	6,500	13,500
Local Government	822,200	812,900	795,800	9,300	26,400

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	FEB.'91*	JAN. '91**	FEB.'90**	FEB.'91*	JAN. '91**	FEB.'90**	FEB.'91*	JAN. '91**	FEB.'90**	FEB.'91*	JAN. '91**	FEB.'90**
TOTAL	48,400	48,400	48,500	77,600	77,300	76,400	382,000	381,600	371,600	146,700	146,100	138,100
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	5,000	8,900	8,800	8,500	48,800	49,100	47,000	25,800	25,900	24,400
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,100	1,100	1,200	700	700	700	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	1,500	1,400	1,500	2,800	2,900	2,900	12,000	11,900	11,100	12,800	12,300	10,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,500	5,500	5,400	12,100	12,100	11,600	9,600	9,600	9,800
Trade	12,600	12,700	12,600	22,100	22,000	22,200	75,100	75,900	76,700	33,000	33,100	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	4,300	4,200	4,300	23,400	23,300	23,200	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,500	14,500	14,100	17,800	17,800	17,400	97,600	97,400	93,000	36,700	36,400	33,800
Government	9,200	9,200	9,200	15,100	15,000	14,500	112,300	111,200	108,300	21,600	21,600	21,700

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	67,100	66,600	65,300	76,700	75,900	74,600	55,300	52,500	54,400	136,600	136,300	131,400
Manufacturing	16,800	16,700	16,300	11,600	11,500	11,300	3,400	3,400	3,600	12,200	12,200	11,800
Mining	2,100	2,100	1,900	—	—	—	600	600	500	4,000	4,100	3,700
Construction	6,300	6,200	6,300	2,300	2,100	2,200	1,800	1,600	1,800	11,700	11,400	11,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,200	3,000	3,000	3,300	3,300	3,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	6,700	6,600	6,600
Trade	12,500	12,700	12,000	20,400	20,300	20,100	11,200	11,000	11,300	31,400	31,600	30,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,400	3,400	3,600	1,800	1,800	1,700	6,400	6,300	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,800	9,800	9,800	17,600	17,600	16,600	10,800	10,700	10,000	33,300	33,200	31,100
Government	12,600	12,300	12,200	18,100	17,700	17,600	24,400	22,100	24,200	30,900	30,700	29,900

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,373.9	1,374.3	1,357.0	210,300	208,500	206,300	584,300	587,500	579,900	75,200	74,800	74,500
Manufacturing	217.7	218.2	221.3	41,300	41,300	41,100	108,500	115,400	119,000	8,600	8,600	8,700
Mining	17.9	17.8	17.8	—	—	—	4,600	4,600	4,200	600	700	600
Construction	46.4	46.1	44.6	8,100	8,100	8,100	21,400	21,300	21,200	4,100	4,100	4,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	82.4	82.2	81.4	10,700	10,800	10,600	56,200	56,000	53,800	5,000	5,100	4,800
Trade	351.5	354.5	346.3	52,600	52,700	51,300	150,100	150,400	147,700	14,800	14,700	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	122.7	123.1	125.9	8,300	8,400	8,500	26,900	27,000	27,400	5,000	5,100	5,000
Services & Misc.	371.7	369.5	360.5	43,600	43,500	42,400	138,000	135,600	131,500	14,200	14,000	14,100
Government	163.2	162.9	159.2	45,700	43,800	44,300	78,600	77,200	75,100	22,900	22,500	22,200

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,614.7	1,612.1	1,555.3	72,500	72,500	73,100	45,000	44,900	43,700	68,300	68,400	68,900
Manufacturing	176.4	175.8	170.4	8,800	8,900	8,600	1,500	1,500	1,700	16,000	16,000	16,500
Mining	72.0	72.0	65.7	—	—	—	1,800	1,800	1,700	3,400	3,400	3,500
Construction	107.4	107.3	105.0	2,300	2,100	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,300	3,400	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	112.9	112.8	106.9	2,400	2,400	2,700	6,200	6,200	6,200	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	368.6	372.2	366.6	15,500	15,600	16,500	14,100	14,000	13,700	16,700	16,900	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	103.2	102.0	100.6	3,400	3,400	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,700
Services & Misc.	462.4	459.3	432.2	17,300	17,400	17,100	8,200	8,100	7,600	13,900	13,700	13,400
Government	211.8	210.7	207.9	22,800	22,700	22,500	10,100	10,200	9,700	8,900	8,900	9,100

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,600	97,800	96,600	102,900	102,800	100,200	44,700	44,400	43,800	44,300	44,400	43,400
Manufacturing	7,200	7,100	7,400	13,400	13,300	13,100	2,300	2,300	2,200	4,300	4,300	4,100
Mining	200	200	300	900	800	900	9,100	9,100	8,900	5,100	5,300	5,200
Construction	3,200	3,000	2,900	4,400	4,400	4,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,700	5,700	5,500	3,200	3,200	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	28,300	28,300	27,800	32,100	32,000	30,800	10,600	10,600	10,400	12,800	12,800	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,400	5,300	4,100	4,100	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,300	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	25,300	25,100	24,500	18,400	18,400	17,500	9,500	9,500	9,200	8,400	8,300	7,800
Government	23,400	23,000	22,900	26,400	26,600	26,600	7,100	6,800	7,100	8,200	8,000	8,200

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,400	36,200	36,100	518,000	516,700	516,900	38,000	38,000	37,400	46,200	46,300	46,900
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	4,900	43,600	43,700	46,500	10,800	10,800	10,900	6,900	7,000	7,100
Mining	500	500	500	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,100	22,000	21,700	21,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	21,700	21,700	21,500	1,600	1,600	1,500	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	8,600	8,700	9,000	128,900	130,400	127,100	7,800	8,000	7,600	10,800	10,900	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	38,100	38,100	40,100	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,000	9,000	140,000	138,300	137,600	9,800	9,700	9,300	11,100	11,200	10,700
Government	8,000	7,800	7,400	121,900	121,000	121,300	4,500	4,400	4,500	11,800	11,700	12,900

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,200	62,300	61,700	29,000	28,500	27,400	82,400	82,400	81,100	49,700	49,800	50,100
Manufacturing	10,800	11,200	10,800	3,100	3,100	2,900	15,900	15,800	15,800	8,100	8,200	8,200
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,400	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,300	3,400	3,500	3,500	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	15,000	15,700	16,000	7,600	7,600	7,400	19,100	19,200	18,400	11,400	11,400	11,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,400	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,200	5,200	5,200	2,100	2,100	2,200
Services & Misc.	16,000	16,000	15,400	8,500	8,300	8,000	22,400	22,300	22,200	12,500	12,500	12,500
Government	9,700	9,700	9,900	5,500	5,300	5,300	13,400	13,400	12,900	9,800	9,800	9,900

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'91*	Jan.'91	Feb.'90	Feb.'91*	Jan.'91	Feb.'90	Feb.'91*	Jan.'91	Feb.'90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 440.02	$ 447.86	$ 429.94	41.2	41.7	41.5	$ 10.68	$10.74	$10.36
Durable Goods	430.56	439.74	431.99	41.4	41.8	41.9	10.40	10.52	10.31
Lumber & Wood Products	303.22	309.96	307.93	40.7	42.0	41.5	7.45	7.38	7.42
Furniture & Fixtures	268.91	268.46	286.74	37.4	37.6	40.5	7.19	7.14	7.08
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	408.31	399.34	407.11	42.4	41.0	42.1	9.63	9.74	9.67
Primary Metal Industries	467.93	490.33	482.94	41.3	42.6	42.7	11.33	11.51	11.31
Fabricated Metal Products	414.41	420.77	399.67	42.9	43.2	42.7	9.66	9.74	9.36
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	446.95	454.58	425.88	43.1	43.5	42.0	10.37	10.45	10.14
Oil Field Machinery	580.00	593.19	510.99	50.0	50.7	43.6	11.60	11.70	11.72
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	440.67	449.51	494.58	39.7	39.5	42.2	11.10	11.38	11.72
Transportation Equipment	552.67	580.46	556.29	40.4	42.4	42.4	13.68	13.69	13.12
Instruments & Related Prod.	419.42	416.16	399.33	41.2	40.8	40.5	10.18	10.20	9.86
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	287.41	282.51	286.52	36.8	36.5	37.9	7.81	7.74	7.56
Nondurable Goods	452.23	457.60	426.18	41.0	41.6	40.9	11.03	11.00	10.42
Food & Kindred Products	365.66	372.66	343.48	41.6	42.3	40.6	8.79	8.81	8.46
Meat Products	273.21	281.96	259.91	40.9	42.4	39.5	6.68	6.65	6.58
Malt Beverages	942.22	891.29	795.52	49.8	48.1	43.4	18.92	18.53	18.33
Textile Mill Products	351.30	352.00	326.06	44.3	44.5	42.4	7.93	7.91	7.69
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	209.66	216.75	202.83	35.9	36.8	37.7	5.84	5.89	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	489.92	504.76	489.55	42.9	44.2	43.4	11.42	11.42	11.28
Printing & Publishing	424.93	427.67	412.00	38.7	39.2	40.0	10.98	10.91	10.30
Chemicals & Allied Products	728.92	739.81	696.38	43.7	44.3	43.2	16.68	16.70	16.12
Petroleum & Coal Products	786.69	775.94	741.44	44.8	44.8	45.1	17.56	17.32	16.44
Petroleum Refining	820.80	807.30	772.11	45.0	44.9	45.1	18.24	17.98	17.12
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	391.04	395.43	364.81	41.6	41.8	40.4	9.40	9.46	9.03
Leather & Leather Products	270.97	270.48	248.82	39.5	39.2	39.0	6.86	6.90	6.38
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	634.77	616.72	575.07	46.3	44.4	43.5	13.71	13.89	13.22
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	630.76	609.29	547.22	50.1	48.9	45.3	12.59	12.46	12.08
Oil & Gas Extraction	635.72	617.40	575.89	46.1	44.1	43.3	13.79	14.00	13.30
Communications	561.84	564.16	509.04	41.1	41.0	39.8	13.67	13.76	12.79
Elec., Gas & San. Services	574.09	566.04	521.64	43.1	42.4	41.4	13.32	13.35	12.60
Wholesale & Retail Trade	242.24	242.44	239.20	32.0	31.9	32.5	7.57	7.60	7.36
Wholesale Trade	426.21	427.49	420.40	39.5	39.4	39.4	10.79	10.85	10.67
Retail Trade	186.52	186.18	183.32	29.7	29.6	30.3	6.28	6.29	6.05
General Merchandise Stores	181.48	177.59	179.22	28.4	28.1	29.0	6.39	6.32	6.18
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	322.30	323.38	284.65	36.5	37.0	36.4	8.83	8.74	7.82

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 427.81	$ 437.43	$ 428.87	40.9	41.7	41.8	$ 10.46	$ 10.49	$ 10.26
Durable Goods	444.14	452.94	450.24	41.2	41.9	42.0	10.78	10.81	10.72
Nondurable Goods	401.17	410.52	391.64	40.4	41.3	41.4	9.93	9.94	9.46
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	450.87	483.95	465.56	39.9	41.9	41.2	11.30	11.55	11.30
Durable Goods	467.63	511.63	486.57	39.9	42.6	41.2	11.72	12.01	11.81
Nondurable Goods	417.20	419.29	415.71	40.0	40.2	41.2	10.43	10.43	10.09
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	555.41	556.20	527.00	44.9	45.0	44.1	12.37	12.36	11.95
Durable Goods	475.35	471.45	451.42	45.1	44.9	44.3	10.54	10.50	10.19
Nondurable Goods	656.51	663.42	619.33	44.6	45.1	43.8	14.72	14.71	14.14
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	324.32	318.38	306.06	39.6	39.6	40.7	8.19	8.04	7.52
Durable Goods	340.54	322.26	329.26	40.3	39.3	40.4	8.45	8.20	8.15
Nondurable Goods	307.68	314.41	284.26	38.8	39.9	40.9	7.93	7.88	6.95

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Stores, up by 900 from January '91.

Transportation and Public Utilities lost 700 jobs from a month ago. At 426,000, this is 12,600 more jobs than existed one year ago. Substantial losses in Trucking and Warehousing and in Public Utilities offset minor gains by Other Transportation Services, including Transportation by Air, which showed a healthy gain of 400.

Manufacturing decreased by 7,200 from January, and by 7,400 from February '90. This was reflected mostly in **Durable Goods**, with an overall loss of 7,700 over the month. The most significant decreases occurred in Transportation Equipment, down by 6,200, due in part to poor auto sales, while defense-related cutbacks in Aircraft and Parts contributed 4,100 to the decline. Lumber and Wood Products decreased by 800, caused mainly by temporary reductions in force by some major producers. Furniture and Fixtures lost 500 jobs due to the permanent shutdown of a leading manufacturer. Increases reported in Durable Goods were mainly in the Oil and Gas Field Machinery segment of Industrial Machinery and Equipment, and in Primary Metal Industries.

Nondurable Goods gained 500 over the month, and 6,000 jobs over the year. The largest increase in Nondurables was in Chemicals and Allied Products, up 300 from January. Smaller increases occurred in Food and Kindred Products, Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, and Petroleum and Coal Products. Small losses of 100 each in Nondurables were seen in Bakery Products and in Malt Beverages (both part of Food and Kindred Products), and also in Printing and Publishing and Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products.

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Average Weekly Earnings Decline

For the estimated 640,100 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by six cents an hour over the month and Average Weekly Hours were down by five-tenths of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to decline by $7.84 from January.

In mid-February a worker, on average, was earning $10.68 per hour for a 41.2-hour week, and making $440.02 in weekly earnings. Durable Goods reported a decrease of $9.18 in Average Weekly Earnings over the month while Nondurables fell by $5.37 in February. The largest loss in Durables fell in Transportation Equipment, down by $27.79 from January.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb.'91	Feb.'90
Total Population	17,234,700*	17,080,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	1.9
UI Covered Employers	320,585	313,013
Total Claims Actions	687,787	623,029
Total Initial Claims Actions	70,902	68,012
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	616,885	555,017
Total Placements	34,991	25,944
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$160.34	$151.68
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$76,666,912	$64,485,381

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